GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
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Preparedness to Deal with Natural Disasters
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding preparedness to face natural calamities throughout the country;

(b) whether disaster management authorities at State, district and local levels have been created as per the requirement;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the amount of funds allocated and released to the States for natural disaster preparedness during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (d) Primary responsibility for disaster management including preparedness rests with the States. Appropriate institutional mechanisms in the form of National Disaster Management Authority, State Disaster Management Authority and District Disaster Management Authority have been setup in the country to develop appropriate preparedness and response mechanism in disaster situation. These setups have also been networked with the early warning system and also with the National Emergency Operation Centre for receiving and dissemination of alerts/ advisories/ information relating to the natural calamities. Twelve battalions of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) have been deployed throughout the country specifically for rescue, relief and response during
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disaster. Based on vulnerability profile of different regions of the country, these specialist battalions have been presently stationed at the various strategic locations all over the country. The States have also been encouraged to develop State Disaster Response Force (SDRF). Regular mock drills are organized by the NDRF. NDRF teams are constantly engaged in familiarization exercises (FAMAX) as also in community awareness/ preparedness programmes in far flung and inaccessible areas. The measures as taken by the Government of India and the State Governments are expected to improve the existing disaster management practices including the preparedness and minimizing the effects of calamities in the country. Further, the strengthening of the disaster management is a continuing process of the governance.
State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) and District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) have been set up in all the States. The Statement showing the status of SDMA and DDMA set up in the country is at Annexure-I.
Financial arrangements to meet emergent requirements in disaster situation in the form of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) have been institutionalized for disaster relief and response. State-wise details of allocation and release from SDRF and NDRF during the last three years and current year are given in Annexure−II.

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